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Box No. I Basis of the report

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This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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 the description:
 pages 1-10 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
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the claims:
 pages 11 and 12 as originally filed/furnished
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 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:
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the description, pages NONE
 the claims, Nos. NONE
 the drawings, sheets/figs NONE
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the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
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International application No.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>3,8 and 9</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1,2,4-7 and 10</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-10</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)
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Supplemental Box

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Continuation of:

Claims 1 and 4-7 lacks novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by HORVAT, S et al.

Horvat et al. disclose analgesic enkephalin derivatives (e.g. with morphine-like action i.e. analgesia) comprising the disaccharide modified peptides comprising the motif YGGF (e.g. see compounds 8a-8f) in which the making of pharmaceuticals with delivery vehicles (e.g. packages/instruction) for human use would be immediately envisaged to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the known use of enkephalin derivatives as analgesics. Additionally, the properties (e.g. ability to cross blood-brain barrier) is inherent in the reference peptides.

Claims 1 and 4-7 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by MITCHELL et al.

Mitchell et al. disclose analgesic enkephalin derivatives comprising disaccharide modified peptides comprising the motif YxGF (where x is a D-amino acid: see e.g. compounds 14-16 comprising lactose, cellobiose and mellibiose, respectively) in which the making of pharmaceuticals with delivery vehicles (e.g. packages/instruction) for human use would be immediately envisaged to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the known use of enkephalin derivatives as analgesics. Additionally, the properties (e.g. ability to cross blood-brain barrier) is inherent in the reference peptides.

Claims 1, 4-5 and 7 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by FASEB JOURNAL (March 8, 2001) Abstract ("Antinociceptive Structure Activity Studies With Novel Opioid Glycopeptides".

The Abstract teaches that disaccharide modification of enkephalin-based opioid peptides optimally provides (e.g. versus mono/tri saccharide modification) CNS bioavailability (via blood brain barrier) in which the making of pharmaceuticals with delivery vehicles (e.g. packages/instruction) for human use would be immediately envisaged to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the known use of enkephalin derivatives as analgesics

Claims 1-2, 4-7 and 10 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by PALIAN et al. or POLT et al. Abstract.

Both the PALIAN et al. article and the POLT Abstract teach the ability of enkephalin derivatives comprising disaccharide (E.g. β -maltose) YtGF motif to cross the blood brain barrier in which the making of pharmaceuticals with delivery vehicles (e.g. packages/instruction) for human use would be immediately envisaged to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the known use of enkephalin derivatives as analgesics. These "P" references are being citable against the presently claimed invention since the 60449989

Supplemental Box

priority document fails to provide support (e.g. only discloses one disaccharide species) for the breadth (E.g. genus) of the presently claimed invention.

Claims 1-10 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over U.S. Pat. No. 4,407,794 in view of MITCHELL et al. and FASEB JOURNAL Abstract.

The '794 patent disclose enkephalin compounds comprising YxGF (x is a D-amino acid including dThr) which differs from the presently claimed invention by failing to teach modification with an O-linked serine disaccharide (e.g. lactose, mellibiose or maltose).

However, modification of enkephalin compounds thru O-linked serines to disaccharides (e.g. lactose/mellibiose/maltose) in order to increase absorption by increasing blood-brain barrier transport is taught by the MITCHELL and FASEB JOURNAL references.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to modify the '794 patent compounds with an O-linked serine disaccharide (e.g. lactose, mellibiose or maltose) and arrive at the presently claimed compounds in order to obtain improved blood-brain barrier transport.

Claims 1-10 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.